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Winter institute attracts enthusiastic crowd

Winter Institute 2004 brought 71 library employees to Columbia on February 3-6, where they endured snowy weather to attend dynamic sessions on technology, youth services, and basic library skills.

The basic course provided a four-day overview of library services, including library demographics, library boards, and the library director's responsibilities. Other topics included circulation, customer service, reference, children's services, collection development, and outreach services for adults and seniors.

The advanced course focused exclusively on the developmental needs of young adults, and creating programs, services, and collections to support those needs. Instructor Tricia Suellentrop, teen services librarian for the Johnson County Kansas Library System, received many compliments on the session.

"This course has been an eye opener," said one participant. "I have hundreds of good ideas to try, and my young patrons are going to be so excited."

MOREnet served as the training site for the technology skills course, offering classes on networking, basic troubleshooting techniques, and an introduction to PC hardware. The technology skills course was offered through Gates Foundation funding, in a special session not normally offered during Institute.

Two evening workshops, focused on literacy and legal questions, rounded out the schedule.

Summer Institute 2004 will take place on August 3-6, in Columbia. The institute will offer the traditional basic library skills course and advanced skills courses in organizing library materials and library administration.

The annual Library Skills Institute is a key component of the State Library's continuing education efforts. It is funded by the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

For information on upcoming continuing education events, contact Karen Jones at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 11.



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Wolfner to introduce digital talking books

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will soon begin the process for offering digital talking books. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has recently outlined a strategic plan for implementing digital recording across the country, and the plan calls for making digital books available to Wolfner patrons in 2008. Major changes, including new machines and delivery methods, will occur, but the project will be phased in slowly. Cassette books and machines will continue to be the backbone of the system through 2007, but digital books are expected to replace cassette books and machines as the primary technology used by Wolfner between 2008 and 2012.

Wolfner staff believes these new technologies will give them the opportunity to provide even better services and products to their patrons. For more information, contact the Wolfner Library at (800) 392-2614, or by e-mail at wolfner@sos.mo.gov. A complete copy of the NLS strategic plan can be found at www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan2003.html.

Missouri libraries receive grants for children's books

Five Missouri libraries received grant funds from the Libri Foundation to purchase children's books in 2003. The Libri Foundation helps rural libraries acquire new hardcover children's books they could otherwise not afford to buy.

To encourage and reward local support of libraries, the Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Librarians select the books from a booklist provided by the Foundation, with over 700-plus fiction and non-fiction titles targeted for children ages 12 and under.

The Foundation awards grants three times a year. The remaining application deadlines

for 2004 are July 15th and December 15th. For application guidelines, please visit the Libri Foundation Web site at www.librifoundation.org.

2003 Missouri Libri Foundation grant recipients:

Adair County Public Library, Kirksville
Barton County Library, Golden City Library Branch

Gentry County Library, Stanberry
Hamilton Public Library

McDonald County Library, Pineville

MU presents consumer health conference

Searching through the maze of consumer health information resources can be an overwhelming task, but help is available through a two-day workshop offered by the University of Missouri-Columbia. On June 10-11, 2004, "Unlocking the Mysteries of Consumer Health Information" will provide hands-on practice to find the best health information resources available.

Topics covered during the workshop include:

- Determining the good from the bad health resources
- Finding reliable drug information
- Discovering local health information and resources for diverse populations
- Asking the right questions of patrons with health-related queries

Registration for the workshop costs \$40 and includes three meals. Contact Jennifer Bloss at (573) 882-4546 to register or for more information.

This workshop is eligible for the Missouri State Library's Show Me the Steps to Career Development Grant, which can cover registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous travel expenses. Grant applications can be found at www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants.asp.

Workshops teach partnership tools

The State Library recently sponsored a three part series of regional workshops designed to enhance library staff and trustees' abilities to form effective, beneficial partnerships with community organizations. Over 200 library staff and trustees from over 80 Missouri libraries attended the workshops, which occurred between November 2003 and March 2004.

The first workshop focused on public speaking and presentation skills. Since good communication skills can play a key role in developing partnerships, the workshop focused on how to deliver a memorable message and word of mouth marketing. Plenty of role playing activities increased audience participation and encouraged public speaking practice within the group.

After library staff and trustees had the

necessary tools to approach potential partners, they needed training to identify those partners and create viable partnerships. The second workshop covered basic partnership rules and the importance of making partnerships beneficial to all involved. During this round, participants broke into pairs and worked on exploring actual plans for forming partnerships.

The final workshop taught participants how to sustain and build partnerships over time. Specific topics included growing current partnerships into something larger, tips for working with the private sector, and the phases of a partnership life cycle.

The State Library is planning additional partnership activities in the coming year, possibly including tip sheets, brochures, and more workshops. For more information on library partnerships, contact Krista Adams, 1-800-325-0131, ext. 16, or e-mail krista.adams@sos.mo.gov.



Web Watch

Today in Science History

www.todayinsci.com

A comprehensive review of the major people and advances that compose the core of human scientific and technical knowledge. Click on any calendar day and a list of notable births, deaths, and events will appear.

Grolier Online's American Presidency

ap.grolier.com/

Grolier's free of charge "American Presidency" Web site offers the current election news and history of the presidency, including encyclopedia profiles of the presidents, vice-presidents, first ladies, and presidential hopefuls.

Blunt awards five grants to Missouri libraries

Secretary of State Matt Blunt recently approved five digital imaging grants under the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The grants total \$95,063.

Hannibal Free Public Library

\$2,800

"Black Community Leaders in Northeast Missouri" highlights leaders in religion, education, business and other facets of black life in northeast Missouri.

Missouri Western State College Library

\$8,718

"Constance Fauntleroy Runcie Collection" presents diaries, notebooks, letters, essays, and photographs illustrating the life and creative activity of one of Missouri's prominent women writers.

Springfield-Greene County Library

\$24,795

"The Frisco Railroad" is a collection of images and information about the Frisco Railroad, including photos of rolling stock and depots, employee records, employee news magazines, post cards, and other materials. The collection offers the history of a Missouri railroad that has had a major impact on the entire state.

University of Missouri — Columbia/Department of Library Systems

\$20,368

"Digitizing a Collection of Civil War Monographs" makes sixty-four monographs on the Civil War in Missouri and Kansas available for searching on the World Wide Web.

Washington University/Bernard Becker Medical Library

\$38,382

"Digital Images of Missouri Women in the Health Sciences" collects 900 to 1,000 archival photographs highlighting Missouri women in health science professions.

Washington reading promotion now available statewide

Newspapers across the state can now feature the Washington Missourian column, "Book Buzz," free of charge.

From their Web site, the Missouri Press Association recently began offering the column to any newspaper, including tips for starting the buzz in communities everywhere.

In each column, the Book Buzz offers three books for kids to read. Each is carefully researched for quality and content, and the choices are set at different reading levels. Young readers can submit reviews for the books, and a few of those reviews are included in each new column.

Book Buzz has been highly successful in Washington and the surrounding areas, with local merchants and charitable organizations supplying the Book Buzz titles to libraries and schools.

More information about Book Buzz can be found at www.mopress.com, under the Newspapers in Education section.

2003 Building Block Picture Book announced

Over 5,500 children in kindergarten, preschool, and childcare centers participated and voted in the 2003 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award process this year. *The Little School Bus*, by Carol Roth, illustrated by Pamela Paparone, and published by North South Books, is this year's winner.

The Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award, sponsored by the Missouri Library Association, began in 1996. Each fall, Missouri children are invited to listen to at least five of the ten nominated titles and vote for their favorite. Voting takes place in local public libraries.

For more information about the award, go to molib.org/BuildingBlock.html.



Public libraries are key to providing digital opportunity for all

"Toward Equality of Access: The Role of Public Libraries in Addressing the Digital Divide," was released in conjunction with a recent speech by Bill Gates Sr. in Seattle at the Public Library Association's Biannual Meeting. The report recommends the public and private sectors work together to ensure that libraries can continue to provide this vital access to technology for years to come. "Today, if you can reach a public library, you can reach the Internet," said Bill Gates Sr., co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "The challenge now is to continue providing this access that millions of our neighbors depend upon."

The report finds that public libraries have helped narrow the digital divide by providing free, public access to computers and the Internet, particularly for people without access at home or work.

In 1996, only 28 percent of public library systems offered public Internet access. Today, more than 95 percent of library buildings offer public access computing, and 14 million Americans regularly use these computers. This benefit has especially reached certain socioeconomic groups that are less likely to have access at home or work. African Americans and Hispanics are twice as likely to use library computers as Asian Americans and whites. Families making less than \$15,000 annually are two to three times more likely to rely on library computers than those earning more than \$75,000.

"Toward Equality of Access" is available online at: www.ims.gov/pubs/pdf/Equality.pdf, and was developed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with the AARP, American Library Association, Beaumont Foundation of America, Benton Foundation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, National League of Cities and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

OCLC releases analysis of library trends

The Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) recently published the *2003 OCLC Environmental Scan: Pattern Recognition*, examining “the significant issues and trends impacting OCLC, libraries, museums, archives, and other allied organizations, both now and in the future.” Environmental scans help organizations like OCLC recognize opportunities and threats by gathering data about the trends in the external environment.

The report is organized into five major areas: social, economic, technology, research and learning, and the library, with trends listed under each section. An “implications” section, with lists of questions for further thought and study, concludes the discussion of each area.

Go to www.oclc.org/membership/escan/default.htm to access the entire report.

Veterans history project highlights stories of service

A new collection of 18 fully digitized collections of materials submitted by veterans and civilians will be available for the first time on the Library of Congress Web site at www.loc.gov/warstories.

This is the third set of individual stories featured on the site, titled “Experiencing War: Stories from the Veterans History Project.” This presentation of personal narratives includes moving tales that span the themes of “mission,” “life-altering experiences,” and “hurry up and wait.”

Veterans from World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf wars, and the civilians who supported them, are coming forward to record their personal stories and contribute personal documents for a growing archives at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The goal is to collect, preserve, and share with future generations the stories of all American war veterans.

Authors inducted into hall of fame

Missouri children's author Constance Levy was among four authors inducted into the Writers Hall of Fame® of America, at the tenth annual induction and recognition ceremony held on April 21, 2004, in Springfield, Missouri. Levy writes poetry for children, and has written for magazines such as *Cricket*, *Spider*, and *Creative Classroom*. Her books include *I'm Going to Pet a Worm Today and Other Poems*, *A Tree Place and Other Poems*, *When Whales Exhale and Other Poems*, *A Crack in the Clouds and Other Poems* (all Simon & Schuster), and *SPLASH-Poems of Our Watery World* (Orchard/Scholastic).

Also inducted were Dale Freeman, longtime Springfield journalist, author, and newspaper editor; Deborah Chester, novelist and professor of journalism from the University of Oklahoma; and John Steinbeck, noted author of the classic novels *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *The Pearl*.

MU develops ‘Go Local’ health project

The National Library of Medicine recently recognized University of Missouri faculty and staff members for their work on a health information project that provides Missourians with a new way to connect to local health services. The project helped the MedlinePlus consumer health Web site (medlineplus.gov) establish a “Go Local” link that contains information about health services in Missouri. The information includes links for hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, support groups, health screening providers, and more.

Visitors that click on the “Go Local” link will be directed to Community Connection (communityconnection.org). Community Connection is a free statewide directory

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2003 words of the year

“Metrosexual” tops the 2003 list of Words of the Year, as determined by the American Dialect Society. Beating “embed,” “SARS,” and “weapons of mass destruction,” “metrosexual” (a fashion-conscious heterosexual male) was selected as the word that most signified 2003.

The most useful word of 2003 is “flexitarian,” a vegetarian who occasionally eats meat. “Freegan,” a person who eats only what they can get for free, won for the most creative word of 2003. Best revival of a word went to “spider hole,” which originates at least back to 1941.

The entire list of winners and runners-up can be found at www.americandialect.org/.



Missouri Library News

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Worth County library receives national award

The Worth County Partnership Library in Grant City is the 2004 recipient of the Gale Group Financial Development Award presented by the American Library Association (ALA).

The award, \$2,500, and a citation donated by the Gale Group are presented to a library organization that exhibited exemplary achievement in carrying out a library financial development project to secure new funding resources.

Because the Worth County School Library is in the smallest county in Missouri, it faces a variety of challenges to remain viable. In response, the library raised \$259,692 to help develop the Worth County Partnership Library, which consists of a joint library facility containing the Worth County R-III School District Library and the Worth County Public Library. The venture combines facilities, personnel, and monetary and other resources. It also maximizes tax dollars by providing all of the citizens of Worth County with excellent print and electronic resources, as well as distance learning capabilities.

The Gale Award will be presented on Tuesday, June 29, during the ALA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

SMSU wins Alibris book collection grant

Alibris recently announced Southwest Missouri State University Libraries as one of two nationwide recipients for the Alibris Book Collection Award. The award offers up to \$3,000 in books to help under-funded libraries expand their collection in a specific area.

SMSU Libraries will use the grant to en-

hance the collection of theatrical monologues available to students of the Department of Theatre and Dance. The award was presented during the American Library Association's Midwinter meeting on January 11, 2004.

SMSU, along with Andrews Elementary School in Austin, Texas, was chosen from over 60 applicants.

Cass County acquires bookmobile

Cass County residents can now access library holdings through the new bookmobile, which will make stops in Strasburg, East Lynne, Creighton, Freeman, Cleveland, Peculiar, Pleasant Hill, Belton and Raymore. The 33-foot long bookmobile holds approximately 4,500 volumes, including books, magazines, DVDs, and books on tape. Satellite Internet access, a wheelchair lift, and a TV/VCR are also available.

The library expects to have the bookmobile stocked and ready to serve patrons in late April, and an open house is planned for early May.



Daniel Boone Regional offers public choice of 'one read' selections

Public voting recently opened for the 2004 One Read program offered through the Daniel Boone Regional Library. For the third year in a row, the library is asking the community to vote on one of three books that will become the 2004 One Read selection.

Recommendations for the One Read book were accepted last December. A reading

panel made up of community members from Boone and Callaway counties reviewed the list of suggested titles and determined the three books to be offered to the public. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, by Mark Haddon, *Life of Pi*, by Yann Martell, and *Nickel and Dime*, by Barbara Ehrenreich, are the three choices.

The One Read task force looks for a book the community would enjoy reading and discussing, that had a broad-based appeal to readers of different backgrounds and reading levels, and addressed themes, issues and topics that would encourage and sustain spirited discussion. Once voting is closed, the One Read Task Force will coordinate community-wide discussions, programs, and other activities in the fall.

Daniel Boone Regional Library modeled the One Read program after Chicago's "One Read, One Chicago" project. Other community-wide reading projects across the nation can be found at the Library of Congress Center for the Book Web site, www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/one-book.html.

Linda Hall acquires extremely rare scientific text

Linda Hall Library recently acquired a text from the age of Copernicus, written by Georg Joachim Rheticus. *Narratio prima* was published in 1540, and marks the very first appearance in print of Copernican astronomy. Rheticus published the work after visiting Copernicus in Poland and learning of the revolutionary sun-centered astronomy from the master. Not until 1543 would Copernicus's own masterwork on the subject, *De revolutionibus*, be published.

The first edition of the *Narratio prima* is far more rare than the first edition of *De revolutionibus*. Until the copy acquired by the Linda Hall Library, only 24 copies of the *Narratio prima* were known to exist worldwide, compared to 277 known copies of Copernicus's work. Linda Hall Library is now one of only five institutions in the United States to have a copy.

Narratio prima was one of the truly seminal books in the history of science, helping

to bring about the publication of the one the greatest scientific books ever published. It is now one of the library's most significant books in an extensive collection of early printed works on astronomy.

Water damages St. Louis County headquarters

A burst pipe caused significant damage to the St. Louis County headquarters on March 22, 2004. The pipe supplied water to the sprinkler system, and the burst sent gallons of water through the Reader's Services area and through the adult fiction stacks.

The library was open at the time, and staff had to quickly evacuate patrons and unplug electrical devices in the path of the flowing water. As the damage spread, staff worked to move equipment and documents from parts of the building where leaks started to occur.

Library staff continued working with a recovery company throughout the day to minimize damage, but the destruction to sub flooring and clean up caused the library to remain closed until March 26.

Get the 'library blend' at Columbia Public Library

Patrons can now sample the special "library blend" at the new coffee shop located in the Columbia Public Library, a branch of the Daniel Boone Regional Library. The new blend, as well as other coffees, drinks, and snacks, are served from a kiosk operated by the Lakota Coffee Company. Lakota pays rent for the space in the lobby, and the library receives a percentage of the profits. The coffee shop opened February 20.

More Library News





Carthage Library celebrates 100-year history

With an emphasis on the future, Carthage Public Library began celebrating its 100th anniversary on March 4, 2004. Exactly 100 years ago on that date, the cornerstone for the Carnegie building was put into place, with a time capsule of records and souvenirs from the area. Construction continued on the building over the next year, and the library didn't open to the public until February 1905.

The current board hopes to continue the anniversary celebrations over the next year, tying the library's history with the efforts to expand. Jennifer Seaton, library director, said the 100-year old capsule would be opened and added to when the library lays the cornerstone for the new addition. Carthage plans on doubling the size of the library with an expansion funded through donations and a city sales tax.

Carrollton library moves to new building

Carrollton library has expanded to a facility three times the size of their original building, in a seven-month project that concluded with a ribbon cutting on March 24, 2004. The new library has a children's room, genealogy room, and reading area, all funded through donations. Two grants supplied the new computer lab and videoconferencing equipment.

"The patrons are in awe," said Angie Germann, library director. "We even have people coming in from out of town, from larger communities, and they have told us the library is as nice as any they've seen."

The library rents part of the lower level to house the local 911 system and staff. In addition to providing some income, housing the 911



staff means there's someone onsite 24 hours a day.

An official dedication ceremony for the new building is scheduled for June 23, 2004.

Holden joins regional system and opens new facility

After years of talking about needing a new facility, Holden Library board members made it a reality this spring. Board members raised approximately \$300,000 to construct a 5,000 square foot building, with private donations serving as the main source of funding. The library also joined the Trails Regional Library, becoming a branch and offering patrons expanded services.

Previously housed in a 900 square foot building, the new space offers more room, more computers, and Internet access. Patrons can also access the catalog from their home computers, a service not available until joining the Trails system.

March 21 marked the grand opening of the new library, and Branch Supervisor Jeannae Dickerson said the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I see new faces every day now that we're in the new building," Dickerson said. "We're issuing lots of new library cards and patrons are especially happy to have access to services like interlibrary loan and the online catalog."

The library board was prompted to action by a few key dedicated board members and a land donation from a local merchant. Coincidentally, the land donated was the site of the first library built in Holden, built in 1941 but destroyed by fire.



Quick tips for serving older adults

As the baby boomer generation ages, libraries across the nation increasingly see the need to expand and improve services for older adults. The following list provides a number of easy, practical, and often low-cost ideas for making your library more senior-friendly. The list was compiled by Satia Orange, director of the American Library Association's Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (ALA/OLOS) from contributions by library staff who subscribe to SeniorServ. SeniorServ is an electronic discussion list sponsored by the American Library Association for the purpose of sharing information about library services to senior adults.

Marketing Essentials

- Plenty of lighting
- Potted plants
- Magazine tables
- Yellow transparent tapes over the spine labels for low vision readers
- Larger fonts for signage
- Reference signs for related services (outreach, audio books, home delivery)
- Library flyers and brochures in at least 14-16 point type, using simple fonts
- High contrast printing and signage

Seating

- Comfortable chairs nearby, so patrons can sit and choose the books
- Several chairs with arms
- Straight-back, wooden, or winged back
- High rather than low seat heights

Shelving

- Shelving at end of stacks for new large print books, clearly marked
- Books stored on middle shelves, not lower or upper
- Wide aisles
- Books facing forward
- Large print books stored near audio books

Collection Tips

- Include an information center for seniors with collections of brochures from the agencies that serve seniors in the area, including Medicare/Medicaid, area Office on Aging, and AARP chapters
- Combine the large print *Reader's Digest* with the general collection local newspapers in older adult area
- Subscribe to *Mature Living*
- Provide large type instructions for use of CCTV

Other Support

- Steel support bars throughout, especially in non-handicapped bathroom stalls, in elevators, and at check-out stations
- Basket trolleys (helps those who are quite frail by giving them something to hold on to while walking)
- Magnifying glasses readily available
- ADA computer workstations close by, and descriptive videos nearby
- Cordless mouse for those who suffer from arthritis

Compiled by Satia Orange, director of the American Library Association Office for Literacy and Outreach, from contributions to the American Library Association "SeniorServ" discussion list, February 2004. Printed with permission, from the Office for Outreach and Literacy Services, American Library Association.

The ALA/OLOS web site features a number of helpful lists, articles, and web links to help library staff serving older adults, including the "Serving Older Adults @ Your Library" column written by Kathy Mayo. Visit the web site at www.ala.org/olos and click on "Outreach Resources."



Personal Notes

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Awards and Honors

Kay Bonetti Callison, LSTA grants officer with the Missouri State Library, has been presented with the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri. Callison graduated from Central Methodist in 1963 with an undergraduate degree in music (performance). She founded and directed for more than 20 years the American Audio Prose Library (AAPL), an award winning, internationally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to recording contemporary American writers. AAPL is the only collection of its kind, established to create a comprehensive, accessible, permanent, and professional quality audio record of working writer's lives. The collection includes extensive interviews and readings by authors such as James Baldwin, John Hersey, Norman Mailer, May Sarton, Alice Walker, and Toni Morrison.

Callison accepted the award at the Central Methodist College Alumni Reunion Banquet on April 24, 2004.

Christine Merseal, genealogy library associate at the Northwest Branch of the Jefferson County Library, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR). The NIGR Alumni Association annually presents the Richard S. Lackey Memorial Scholarship to an experienced researcher holding either a paid or volunteer position in the genealogical community. Merseal will travel to Washington, D.C. in July to attend an in-depth program on the federal records available at the National Archives.

Retirements

Regina Hahn, librarian with the Desloge City Public Library, has retired after 25 years of service. State Representative Dan Ward commemorated Hahn's service with a House Resolution in February.

Deaths

Jan Adams, director of the Marshall Public Library, died February 18, 2004, in Marshall. Adams had served as library director in Marshall since 2002, and had thirty years of library experience.

Eleanor J. Fox died on February 20, 2004, in Lawrence, Kansas. During her career as a librarian she worked at the Missouri State Library, the Topeka Public Library, and the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library.

Mary Heinbokel died January 21, 2004. She was branch manager of the Kathryn Linnemann Branch of the St. Charles City-County Library District. She joined the district and 1981 and became branch manager in 1989.

Jack Wood, former director of the Neosho Public Library, died February 17, 2004, following a two-week illness. Wood worked as the Neosho-Newton County library director for 33 years and had retired in 2001.

Free teaching guides available for Brown v. Board of Education anniversary

Free teaching guides are available from the American Bar Association's Division of Public Education to help observe the anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. Targeted for high school students, educators can use the guide to engage dialogue about the history of the Brown decision and its continuing legacy in American Law and society. Call the ABA at 800-285-2221 and ask for product code 317-0357, or download the guide from www.abanet.org/brown.

'Go Local' health information project

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offering more than 17,000 community resources, nearly 5,000 of which are health-related.

MedlinePlus provides authoritative, reliable health information from the National Institutes of Health and other quality sources, and the Go Local links guide users to related health services throughout Missouri. The service also includes "Ask A Librarian," a special feature developed by staff members at the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library.

The health-information project was a collaborative effort among faculty and staff in MU's health-sciences library, the Department of Health Management and Informatics, and Community Connection. Through a grant, the Missouri Foundation for Health provided financial support for parts of Community Connection. Missouri is the second state to establish a "Go Local" link on the MedlinePlus Web site.

Papers of Thomas Jefferson available online

A project to make available online all the Thomas Jefferson papers in the Library of Congress has been completed with the release of the final segment of items, accessible from the American Memory Web site at memory.loc.gov/ammem/mjthtml.

The online Jefferson papers now total more than 27,000 items — correspondence, memorandums, notes, commonplace books, financial account books, and manuscript volumes.

The complete papers of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are also available at www.loc.gov/memory. The Library of Congress American Memory project is part of the National Digital Library Program, which contains more than 120 collections ranging from Civil War photographs to baseball cards.

Local children's book awards announced

The Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) recently announced the 2003-2004 winners for three children's and young adult literature awards.

The Show Me Readers Award recognizes authors and illustrators of books that are favorites of children in elementary school. First place went to *The Frog Principal*, written by Stephanie Calmenson and illustrated by Denise Brunkus (Scholastic). Second place was awarded to *The Monster Who Ate My Peas*, written by Danny Schnitzlein and illustrated by Matt Faulkner (Peachtree Publishers). *Ted*, written and illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi, took third place (Simon & Schuster).

The Mark Twain Award is selected by students in grades four through eight and presented annually to a living United States author. *Zach's Lie*, by Roland Smith, won first place (Hyperion Books for Children). Second place was awarded to *Touching Spirit Bear*, by Ben Mikaelson (HarperCollins Publishers). Third place went to *The Good Dog*, by Avi (Aladdin Paperbacks).

The Gateway Readers' Award is a readers' choice award for Missouri young adults in grades 9 through 12. *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, by Ann Brashares, won first place (Random House Children's Books). Second place went to *Breathing Underwater* by Alex Flinn (HarperCollins Publishers). *I am Morgan Le Fay*, by Nancy Springer, won third place (Philomel).

The 2004-2005 nominations, voting rules, past winners, and other information may be found on the MASL Web site at www.maslonline.org/awards/books/.

Upcoming Events



May 2004

Nat'l Library Legislative Day,
May 4

St. Louis Storytelling
Festival,
May 5-8

MOSL Library Board
Workshop,
May 8

Wolfner Advisory Council,
May 21

June 2004

MPLD Semiannual Meeting,
June 3-4

MOBIUS Users Conference,
June 3

MOSL Library Board
Workshop,
June 12

ALA 2004 Annual
Conference,
June 26-29

Wolfner offers Lewis and Clark kits

In honor of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has created two new program kits. These kits provide a variety of activities based on the expedition theme, and require minimal preparation on the part of a facilitator.

The two kits are called *Discovering Lewis and Clark: The Corps of Discovery in Missouri* and *Discovering Lewis and Clark: The Corps of Discovery in the West*. Each contains everything needed to conduct a fun-filled, educational activity. The items in the kits engage all five senses and can be enjoyed by all ages, including those with disabilities.

Kits contain:

- ▼ a leader's manual
- ▼ videos about the expedition
- ▼ CDs with expedition-themed or period music by Missouri musicians
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- ▼ sample pages reproduced from the original journals
- ▼ wilderness-scented air fresheners
- ▼ recipes for authentic expedition dishes
- ▼ photographs and prints
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- ▼ replica tools and trade items

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